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BARTMAN AND RADIOACTIVE MAN



WELCOME TO BARTMAN, MAN

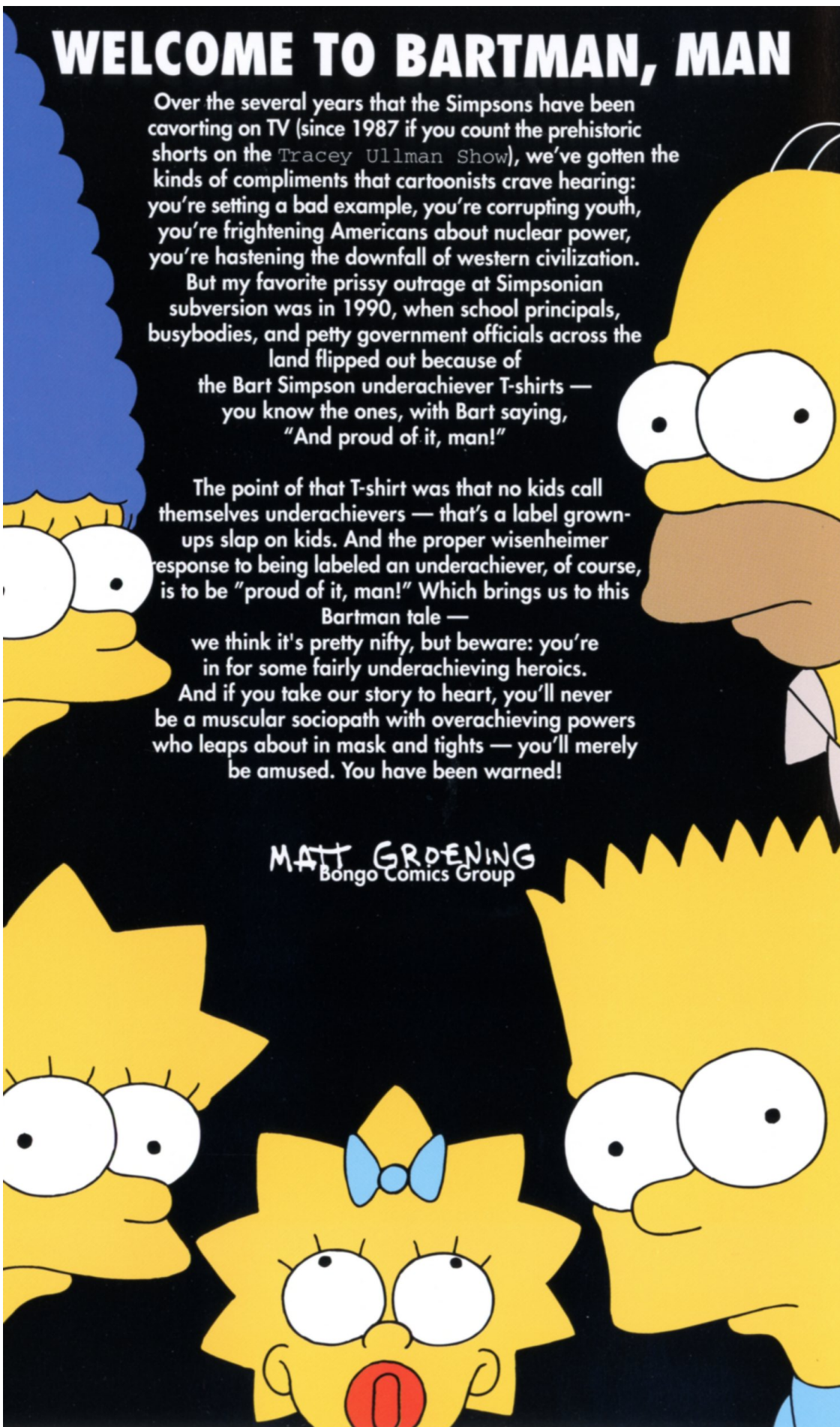
Over the several years that the Simpsons have been cavorting on TV (since 1987 if you count the prehistoric shorts on the Tracey Ullman Show), we've gotten the kinds of compliments that cartoonists crave hearing: you're setting a bad example, you're corrupting youth, you're frightening Americans about nuclear power, you're hastening the downfall of western civilization.

But my favorite prissy outrage at Simpsonian subversion was in 1990, when school principals, busybodies, and petty government officials across the land flipped out because of the Bart Simpson underachiever T-shirts — you know the ones, with Bart saying, "And proud of it, man!"

The point of that T-shirt was that no kids call themselves underachievers — that's a label grown-ups slap on kids. And the proper wisenheimer response to being labeled an underachiever, of course, is to be "proud of it, man!" Which brings us to this Bartman tale —

we think it's pretty nifty, but beware: you're in for some fairly underachieving heroics. And if you take our story to heart, you'll never be a muscular sociopath with overachieving powers who leaps about in mask and tights — you'll merely be amused. You have been warned!

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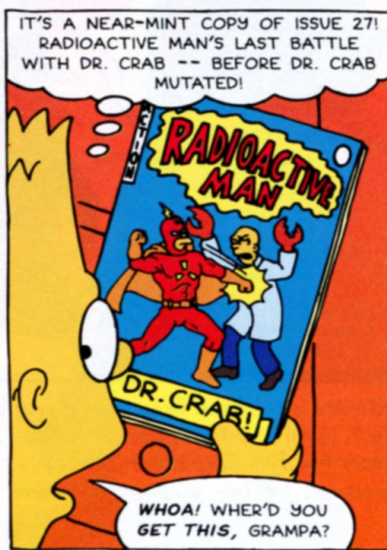
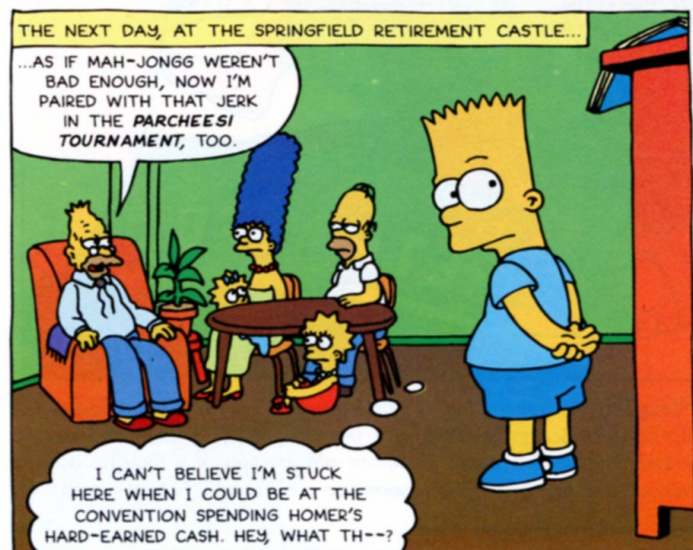
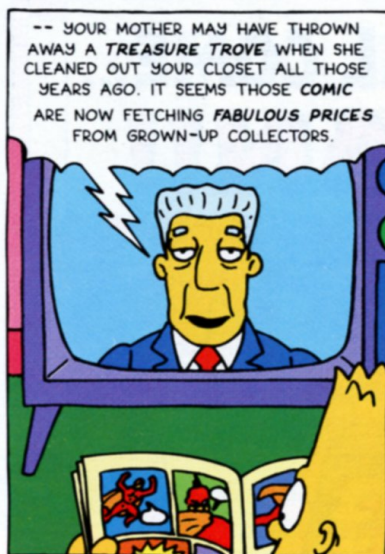
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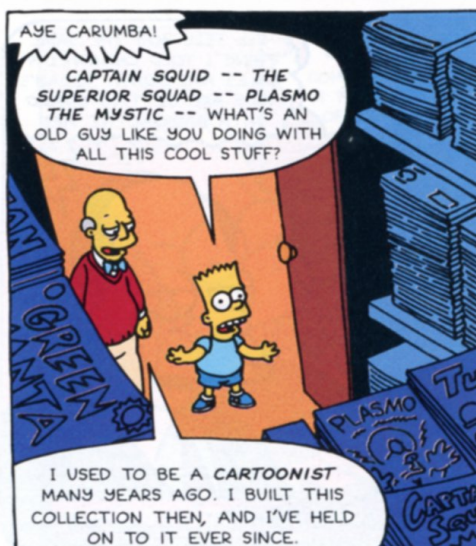
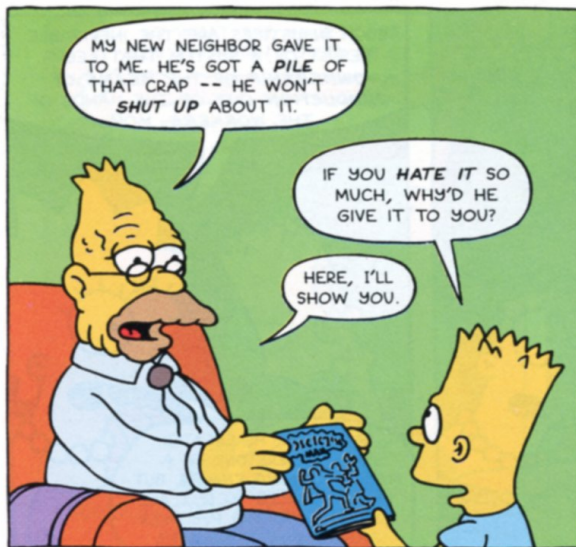
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DISASTER. AND SPEAKING OF
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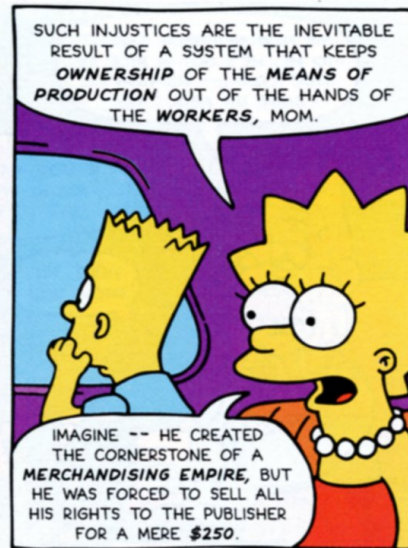


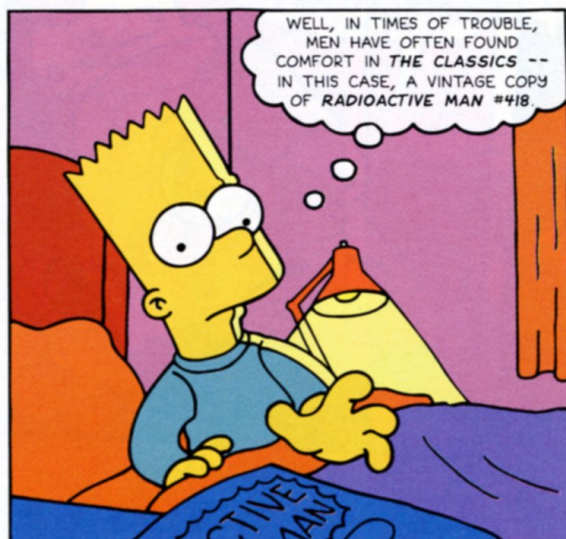
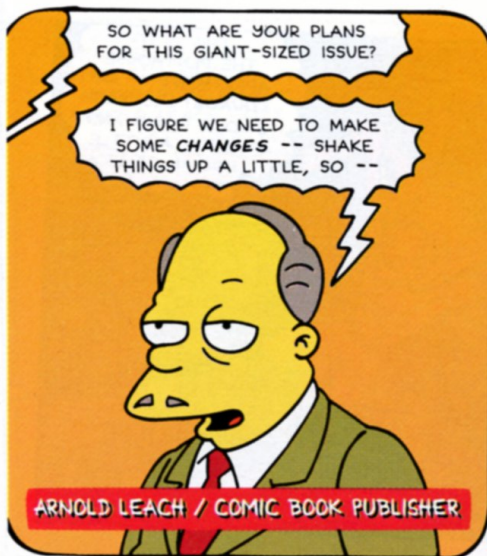
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Script / Layouts / Inks
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Mirthful CINDY VANCE
Co-plot / Colors
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LATER THAT NIGHT...

ACCORDING TO MY IRRADIATED SENSES, THE KING OF CRIME'S LAIR IS NEARBY!

THIS IS IT! THE PENTHOUSE APARTMENT -- OF COURSE! I'LL JUST SWOOP DOWN AND PAY HIM A LITTLE SOCIAL CALL!

WHAT BITTER IRONY -- BENEATH THIS FACADE OF REFINEMENT BEATS THE HEART OF A VAST EMPIRE OF CORRUPTION AND EVIL!

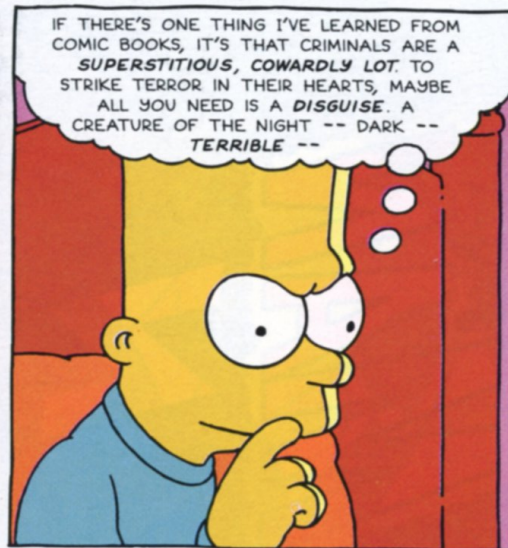
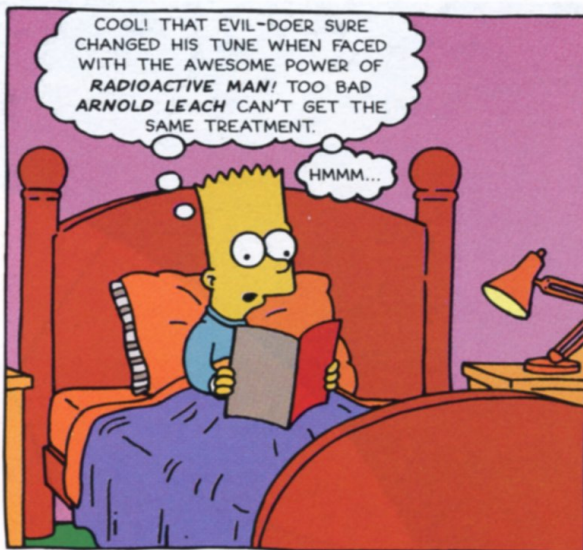
WHAT TH--?! WHO'S THERE?

IT'S THE FIRE MARSHALL, KINGY. DIDN'T ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT IT'S DANGEROUS TO SMOKE IN BED?

IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU I WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN HURT!

KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MMM--ULP!

W-WAIT A MINUTE! MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A DEAL! JUST DON'T HIT ME!



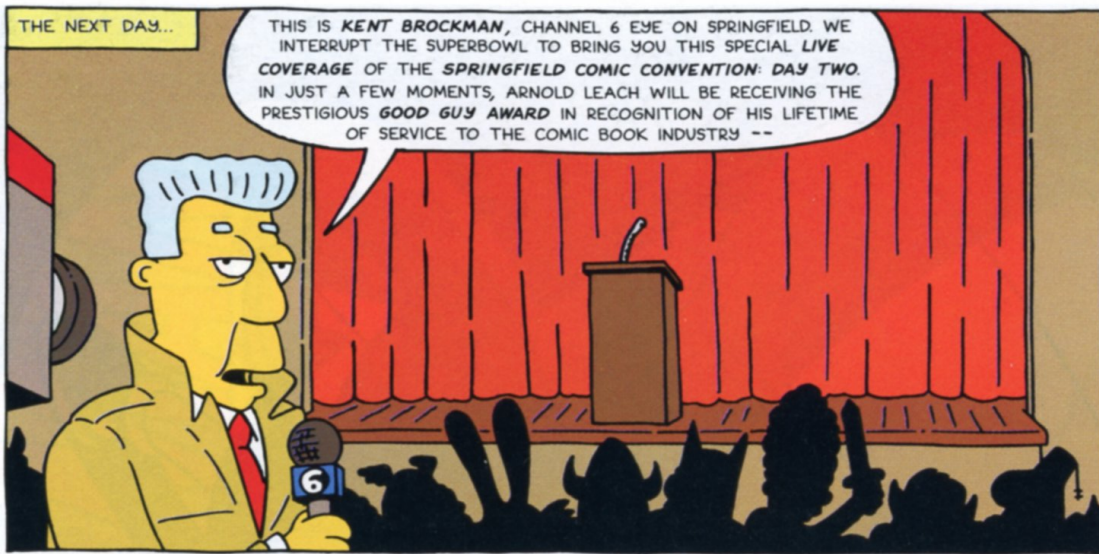
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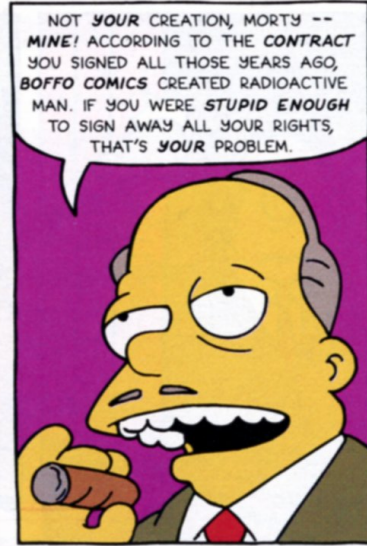
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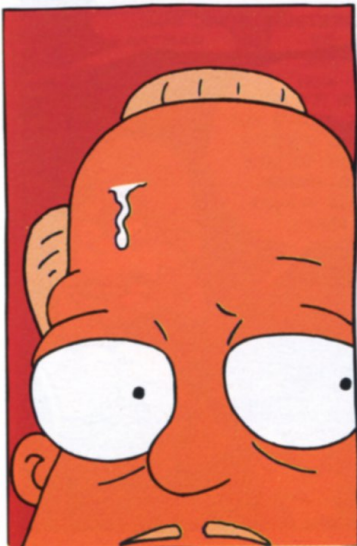
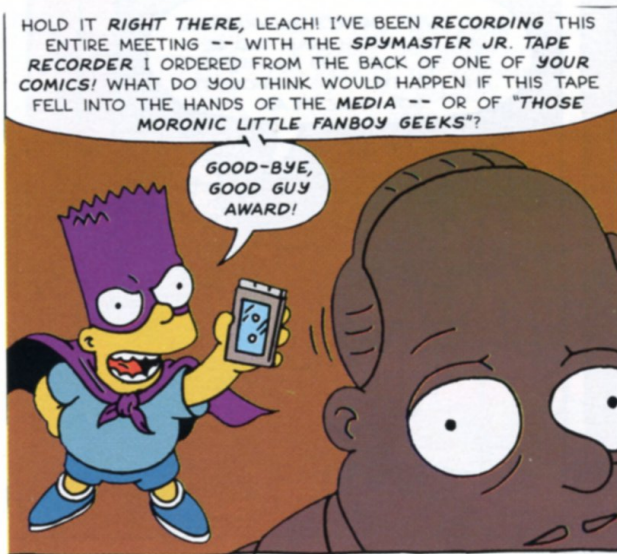
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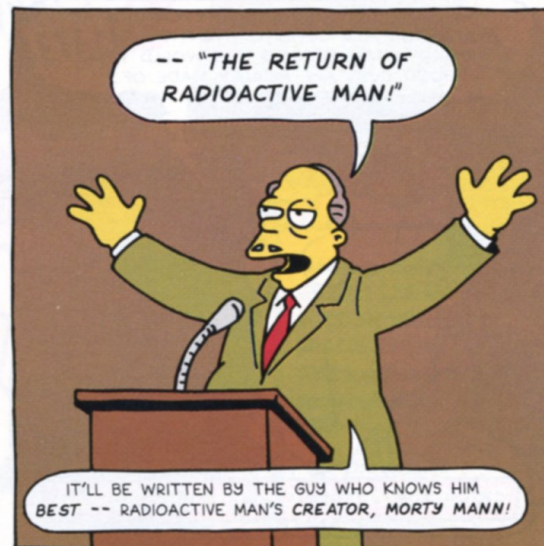
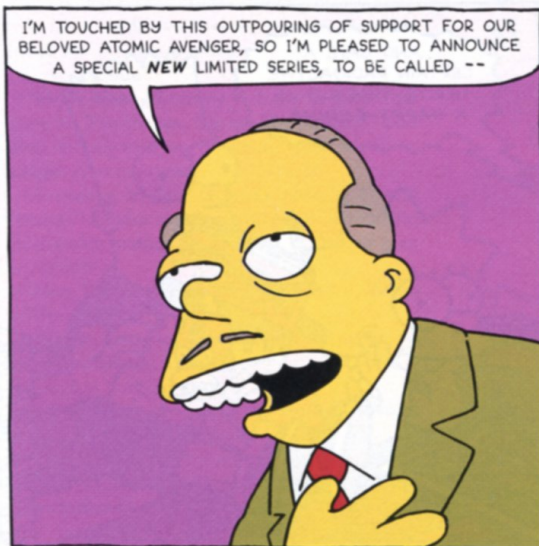
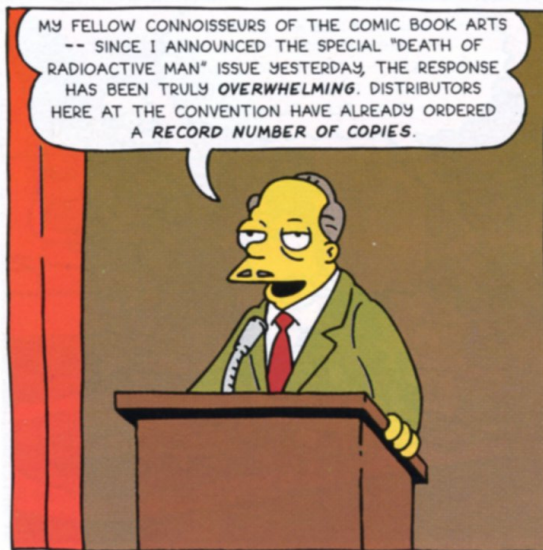


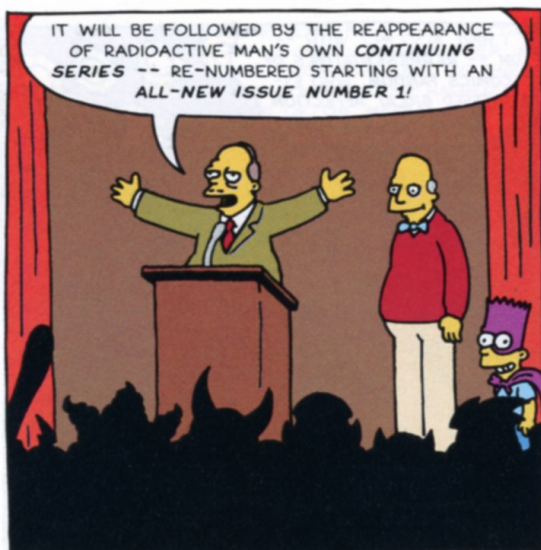
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